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For: SEALANT FOR EXPANDABLE  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

- Please cancel claim 44, without prejudice or disclaimer.
- Please amend claims 1, 45, and 46 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) An expandable tubular assembly, comprising:
    - a pair of radially expanded tubular members having radially expanded threaded portions coupled to one another; and
    - a quantity of a sealant within the radially expanded threaded portions of the radially expanded tubular members;wherein the sealant adheres to the radially expanded threaded portions of the radially expanded tubular members.
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